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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN VICE PRESIDENT PLAYS DOWN FOREIGN INTERVENTION

1. VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS RAFAEL GOICO MORALES IN STATEMENT TO THE PRESS YESTERDAY AS HE ATTENDED CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SAID THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THERE HAS BEEN FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN DOMINICAN AFFAIRS. GOICO ADDED THAT WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IS THE EXPRESSION OF "SIMPLE OPINIONS," ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON INADEQUATE INFORMATION AND SHOULD HAVE AWAITED MORE DEFINITIVE RESULTS FOLLOWING THE MAY 17 MILITARY INTERRUPTION OF THE VOTE COUNT.

2. HOWEVER THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT "IF THE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH OUR FATE ARE DOING SO WITH A LAUDABLE INTENTION, WE WHO ARE PART OF THE INTER-
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AMERICAN FAMILY SHOULD WELCOME EVERY VOICE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND PREOCCUPATION WITH OUR FATE. DEFINITELY WE ARE NOT AN ISOLATED COUNTRY AND WE HAVE PROMOTED IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND GENERALLY THE NATION... THAT WE ARE A CIVILIZED COUNTRY."

3. GOICO ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS QUITE NATURAL IN A POLITICAL CONTEST SUCH AS ELECTIONS FOR THERE TO BE A WINNER AND A LOSER.

HE CALLED UPON DOMINICANS NOT TO THINK SIMPLY AS MEMBERS OF A POLITICAL PARTY, BUT TO THINK OF THE GOOD OF THE REPUBLIC. HE SAID TO SUBMIT THE COUNTRY TO "THE WHIRLPOOL OF OVERFLOWING PASSIONS" WOULD BE A SETBACK TO THE COUNTRY.

4. WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD COLLABORATE WITH A PRO ADMINISTRATION GOICO SAID THE QUESTION WAS PREMATURE, BUT ADDED "WITHIN A SENSE OF AMPLE COOPERATION FOR THE COMMON GOOD ONE SHOULD WITHOLD HIS COOPERATION IF HE CAN BE OF SERVICE."

5. COMMENT. GOICO, AFTER BALAGUER PERHAPS THE MOST RESPECTED FIGURE IN THE GOVERNMENT, HAS OFTEN SERVED AS THE GOOD CONSCIENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION. HIS REASONED AND MODERATE COMMENTS MINIMIZING THE EXTENT TO WHICH FOREIGN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR THE DOMINICAN SITUATION CONSTITUTE INTERVENTION SERVE AS A NICE CONTRAST TO SOME OF THE ALMOST HYSTERICAL CHARGES BEING LEVELED BY ELEMENTS IN THE REFORMISTA RANKS, AND EVEN TO BALAGUER'S OWN EMOTIONAL ATTACH ON SUCH ALLEGED INTERVENTION IN HIS MAY 18 SPEECH TO THE NATION AND, IN HIS PRIVATE REPORTED COMMENTS TO MAYOR FERRE (SANTO DOMINGO 2844).
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